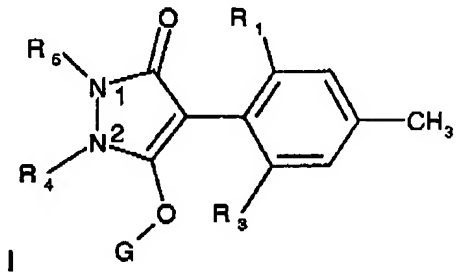
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended): A selective herbicidal composition comprising, in addition to customary inert formulation assistants, as the active ingredient a mixture of

a) a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I



I (I)

wherein

R_1 and R_3 independently of one another are C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_2-C_4-alkinyl, C_1-C_4-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, or C_1-C_2-halogenalkoxy;

R_4 and R_5 together signify a group

$$-C\text{-}R_{14}(R_{15})\text{-}C\text{-}R_{16}(R_{17})\text{-}O\text{-}C\text{-}R_{18}(R_{19})\text{-}C\text{-}R_{20}(R_{21})- \quad (Z_2),$$

wherein R_{14}, R_{15}, R_{16}, R_{17}, R_{18}, R_{19}, R_{20}, and R_{21}, independently of one another are hydrogen

G is hydrogen, $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$, $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$, $-C(X_4)-N(R_{32})-R_{33}$, $-SO_2-R_{34}$, an alkaline, alkaline earth, sulfonium or ammonium cation or $-P(X_5)(R_{35})-R_{36}$ or $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$;

X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5 and X_6 independently of one another, are oxygen or sulfur;

R_{30}, R_{31}, R_{32} and R_{33} independently of one another, are hydrogen, C_1-C_{10}-alkyl, C_1-C_{10}-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_{10}-cyanoalkyl, C_1- C_{10}-nitroalkyl, C_1-C_{10}-aminoalkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylamino-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-dialkylamino- C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_3-C_7-cycloalkyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_{10}-alkoxy-alkyl, C_4-C_{10}-alkenyloxy-alkyl, C_4-C_{10}-alkinyloxy-alkyl, C_2-C_{10}-alkylthio-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkysulfoxyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylsulfonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-alkylideneamino-oxy-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylcarbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkoxycarbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-amino-carbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-dialkylamino-carbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-

alkylcarbonylamino-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_5-alkylcarbonyl-(C_1-C_5-alkyl)-aminoalkyl, C_3-C_8-trialkylsilyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, phenyl- C_1-C_5-alkyl, heteroaryl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, phenoxy-C_1-C_5-alkyl, heteroaryloxy- C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_5-alkenyl, C_2-C_5-halogenalkenyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, phenyl; or phenyl substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or heteroaryl or heteroarylamino; heteroarylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diheteroarylamino, diheteroarylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; phenylamino, phenylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diphenylamino, diphenylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino, C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; di-C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino, di-C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C_3-C_7-cycloalkoxy or C_3-C_7-cycloalkoxy substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro;

R_{34}, R_{35} and R_{36} independently of one another, are hydrogen, C_1-C_{10}-alkyl, C_1-C_{10}-halogenalkyl, C_1- C_{10}-cyanoalkyl, C_1-C_{10}-nitroalkyl, C_1-C_{10}-aminoalkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylamino-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-dialkylamino- C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_3-C_7-cycloalkyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_{10}-alkoxy-alkyl, C_4- C_{10}-alkenyloxy-alkyl, C_4-C_{10}-alkinyloxy-alkyl, C_2-C_{10}-alkylthio-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkysulfoxyl- C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylsulfonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-alkylideneamino-oxy-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylcarbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkoxycarbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-amino-carbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-dialkylamino-carbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylcarbonylamino-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_5-alkylcarbonyl-(C_1-C_5-alkyl)-aminoalkyl, C_3-C_8-trialkylsilyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, phenyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1-C_5-alkyl, phenoxy- C_1-C_5-alkyl, heteroaryloxy- C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_5-alkenyl, C_2-C_5-halogenalkenyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, phenyl; or phenyl substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-

halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or heteroaryl or heteroarylamino; heteroarylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diheteroarylamino, diheteroarylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; phenylamino, phenylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diphenylamino, diphenylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino, C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; di-C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino, di-C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C_3-C_7-cycloalkoxy or C_3-C_7-cycloalkoxy substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C_1-C_{10}-alkoxy, C_1-C_{10}-halogenalkoxy, C_1-C_5-alkylamino, C_2-C_8-dialkylamino as well as benzyloxy or phenoxy, whereby the benzyl and phenyl groups in turn may be substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C_1-C_5-alkoxycarbonyl, methylthio, ethylthio, or nitro; and

R_{37} is C_1-C_{10}-alkyl, C_1-C_{10}-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_{10}-cyanoalkyl, C_1-C_{10}-nitroalkyl, C_1-C_{10}-aminoalkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylamino-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-dialkylamino-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_3-C_7-cyclalkyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2- C_{10}-alkoxy-alkyl, C_4-C_{10}-alkenyloxy-alkyl, C_4-C_{10}-alkinyloxy-alkyl, C_2-C_{10}-alkylthio-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkysulfoxyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylsulfonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-alkylideneamino-oxy-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylcarbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkoxycarbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-amino-carbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_8-dialkylamino-carbonyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_1-C_5-alkylcarbonylamino-C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_5-alkylcarbonyl-(C_1-C_5-alkyl)-aminoalkyl, C_3-C_6-trialkylsilyl-C_1-C_5-alkyl, phenyl- C_1-C_5-alkyl, heteroaryl- C_1-C_5-alkyl, phenoxy-C_1-C_5-alkyl, heteroaryloxy- C_1-C_5-alkyl, C_2-C_5-alkenyl, C_2-C_5-halogenalkenyl, C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, phenyl; or phenyl substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or heteroaryl or

heteroarylamino; heteroarylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diheteroarylamino, diheteroarylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; phenylamino, phenylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diphenylamino, diphenylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino, C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; di-C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino, di-C_3-C_7-cycloalkylamino substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C_3-C_7-cycloalkoxy or C_3-C_7-cycloalkoxy substituted by C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_1-C_3-halogenalkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or C_1-C_{10}-alkylcarbonyl; as well as salts and diastereoisomers of the compounds of formula I, with the proviso that R_1 and R_3 are not simultaneously methyl; and;

b) a herbicidally synergistic amount of at least one herbicide selected from the classes of phenoxy-phenoxypropionic acids, hydroxylamines, sulfonylureas, ~~imidazolinones, pyrimidines, triazines, ureas, PPO, chloroacetanilides,~~ phenoxyacetic acids, ~~triazinones,~~ dinitroanilines, ~~azinones, carbamates, oxyacetamides,~~ thiolcarbamates, ~~azole-ureas,~~ benzoic acids, anilides, nitriles, ~~triones~~ and sulfonamides~~, as well as from the herbicides amitrol, benfuresate, bentazone, cinmethylin, clomazone, chlopyralid, difenzoquat, dithiopyr, ethofumesate, flurochloridone, indanofane,~~ isoxaben~~, oxaziclomefone, pyridate, pyridafol, quinchlorac, quinmerac, tridiphane, glufosinate and flamprop~~.

2. (Previously Presented): Composition according to claim 1, which contains, to antagonise the herbicide, an antidotally effective amount of a safener selected from the group consisting of cloquintocet, an alkali, alkaline earth, sulfonium or ammonium cation of cloquintocet, cloquintocet-mexyl, mefenpyr, an

alkali, alkaline earth, sulfonium or ammonium cation of mefenpyr and mefenpyrdiethyl.

3. (Original): Composition according to claim 1, which contains an additive comprising an oil of vegetable or animal origin, a mineral oil, the alkylesters thereof or mixtures of these oils and oil derivatives.

4. (Original): A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of cultivated plants, which comprises treating said cultivated plants, the seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof, with a composition according to claim 1.

5. (Original): A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of cultivated plants, which comprises treating said cultivated plants, the seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof, with a composition according to claim 2.

6. (Original): A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of cultivated plants, which comprises treating said cultivated plants, the seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof, with a composition according to claim 3.

7. (Original): A method according to claim 4 wherein the cultivated plant is cereal or maize.